



Village of Savoy

Robert C. McCleary Municipal Center
611 North Dunlap Avenue
Savoy, IL

MINUTES OF SPECIAL BOARD OF TRUSTEE MEETING

DATE: November 1, 2019

PLACE: The Windsor of Savoy
401 Burwash Avenue
Savoy, IL 61874

TRUSTEES PRESENT: President Joan E. Dykstra, Trustee Heather Mangian,
Trustee Jan Niccum, Trustee A.J. Ruggieri, and Trustee Dee Shonkwiler

TRUSTEES ABSENT: Trustee John Brown

STAFF/PERSONNEL PRESENT: Richard Helton, Village Manager
Levi Kopmann, Assist. Village Manager/Public
Works Director/Engineer
Billie Jean Krueger, Village Clerk
Kim Leese, Administrative Assistant/Deputy Clerk

GUESTS PRESENT: None

CONVENED: 6:30 P.M.
ADJOURNED: 8:30 P.M.

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

President Dykstra called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Roll was called with President Dykstra, Trustees Mangian, Niccum, Ruggieri, and Shonkwiler answering present and Trustee Brown being absent. President Dykstra asked for a moment of silence for Village of Savoy.

2. PRIORITIES FOR THE VILLAGE OF SAVOY

President Dykstra read the Progress on Priorities discussed at the Savoy Trustee Brainstorming Meeting held on 9/28/18. She asked the Trustees to answer three questions on this list of Priorities: 1) Completed ?; 2) Uncompleted ?; and 3) What other projects needed to be added to the 9/28/18 list of Priorities?

Discussion on Progress on Priorities:

Infrastructure - Levi Kopmann stated Prospect will be completed and open by winter 2019.

Kopmann also stated that other Infrastructure projects pending were:

Curtis Road – Up to Route 45

Pheasant Lane (2021) – It is over budget and will be discussed at the second BOT meeting in November.

Kopmann stated his focus is on upgrading and maintenance of all Subdivisions in Savoy and also the sewers to I-57.

Trustee Mangian asked Levi if he had a database on the condition of all streets in Savoy.

Kopmann stated he did not have a database, but he just sets priorities on certain subdivisions, streets, and sewers.

Mangian stated she was worried about Savoy streets with increasing travel by larger garbage trucks, buses, and delivery vans.

Two residents of The Windsor came in – One of the ladies, Pat Hosier, asked that the Car Wash Sign be taken down on the property north of the Dairy Queen in Savoy, since the Big R Car Wash is not there and hasn't been for some time and she thinks the sign is ugly and not needed.

Trustee Vavrik stated he wanted to help Savoy with an asset management plan that shows a real plan with models based on money available, since that is what he and Paul Dalbey do, and also a study on utility costs.

President Dykstra said the take away for Infrastructure is to prioritize and set an assessment list and asset management plan.

Economic Development

Trustee Shonkwiler stated we have many new businesses and now we have an Intern to help the Director of Planning and Economic Development.

Also, Staff is working on the Town Center Development block and Savoy needs to annex and acquire property to the west of Savoy.

Trustee Niccum used Plainfield, IN as a good example that Savoy need to acquire acres, not blocks. Helton stated yes there is about 400 acres along Curtis Road, but Savoy is not getting any cooperation from the owner of those acres and Staff has not had time to pursue this matter.

Light Industry

Trustee Niccum suggested warehouses around the airport.

Helton stated Staff needs to utilize the EDC Board we have now to go after business, instead of festivals.

Trustee Vavrik stated we have a lot of land for light industrial and Savoy is prime since it is near I-57, Staley or Duncan Roads.

Fire Department – east facility

President Dykstra stated another Fire Department east of Dunlap/Rt.45 is not in the budget.

Helton commented they are looking at property on Bishop Lane that would house one apparatus. This approximate 3 acres that the Village now rents from CNN railroad is now being looked at to purchase, since the Village would rather buy it, rather than rent.

Sheriff's Dept.

Staff is putting together a booklet that shows what Savoy ordinances they can enforce, like tickets and animal issues and have a copy in each Deputy's car.

Trustee Mangian stated she was concerned there would be more speeding on Prospect when it is reopened and the Sheriff's Dept. needs to be watching that area and possibly put the speed wagon in that area.

Comprehensive Plan

The Savoy Comprehensive Plan Update will be addressed on November 6, 2019 at the Combined Meeting of the Board of Trustees, Planning Commission, Economic Development Commission, and Zoning Board of Appeals.

Savoy Boundary Agreement

No progress with the City of Champaign.

Taxes

Helton stated that Trustee Niccum has always been a proponent on the gas tax issue on equal treatment and also the State of Illinois has two legislative bills to be able to increase the gas tax if you are not a home rule community. Helton asked all Trustees to get in touch with Savoy's State Senators and Representatives to encourage them to pass these bills.

Parks

Trustee Mangian suggested that it was important that one person should be watching for grants and matching grants.

Helton stated there has been talks about a donation for land for a park in Wilshire Subdivision, but nothing final yet.

Rec Center

Future pickleball courts to the west of the Rec Center being planned are very important.

Broadband

Trustee Vavrik stated he would like to see a full court press to get UC2B Broadband in Savoy.

President Dykstra left the meeting at 8:00 p.m.

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President Pro Tem Dee Shonkwiler took over the meeting at this point in the meeting in President Dykstra's absence.

Airport

Trustee Mangian stated she believed the noise from the Airport has changed and became louder.

Make Savoy Competitive

Will have the new Intern until May.

Will be working on making Savoy more competitive when a new Director of Planning and Economic Development is hired.

Services balancing taxes vs. services

Trustee Vavrik asked about considering one garbage hauler to be used for Savoy and also when Savoy would have leaf pickup and the possibility of a vacuum system.

3. ADJOURN

There being no further business to come before the open and public Special Board of Trustees meeting, President Pro Tem Shonkwiler adjourned the meeting at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Billie Jean Krueger

Billie Jean Krueger, Village Clerk

This meeting was recorded.

Approved this 4th day of December, 2019

Billie Jean Krueger